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A C-5, piloted by Maj. Greg Lloyd, 301st Airlift Squadron, makes a emergency landing at Edwards AFB. Shortly after takeoff the crew discovered the nose landing gear door was stuck, preventing the landing gear from going down.

## C-5 makes emergency landing

**S**killful flying and the forgiving surface of Rogers Dry Lake, Edwards AFB, averted a potential disaster as the crew of a C-5 Galaxy brought its disabled aircraft to a safe landing May 2.

After landing without the front landing gear, the eight crew members and nine passengers walked away completely uninjured. While maintenance personnel continue to assess the aircraft, the Galaxy seems to have sustained little damage.

The massive cargo plane from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., was traveling to Colorado Springs, Colo. on the first leg of a supply mission to Mildenhall Royal Air Force Base, England. Shortly after its 2 a.m. takeoff, the crew, from the 301st Airlift Squadron, discovered the nose landing gear door was stuck, preventing the landing gear from going down.

"We realized immediately something was

wrong," said Maj. Greg Lloyd, 301st Airlift Squadron, the aircraft commander.

The crew made several attempts at landing at Travis before abandoning the idea.

"We were just turning circles there," said Lloyd. "We tried every trick in the book — as well as some that weren't in the book — but it just wasn't going to work."

However, Lloyd said he and fellow pilot Maj. Scott Paffenroth, also with the 301st AS, were thinking Edwards from the start.

"The first thing out of our mouths at 2:30 a.m. was, 'if we've got to land this thing, let's go to that big beautiful lakebed at Edwards.'"

"We had options," he said. "We could have landed at Beale, but the downside is that their runway is concrete and asphalt. You're talking about very little room for error there. With that lakebed (at Edwards), you can just let the momentum (of the aircraft)

grind itself to a halt."

For the nine passengers on board — all retired or active duty military members taking advantage of the Air Force's space available flight program — the experience was jarring, but they never doubted their safe landing.

"The pilot was calm, cool — he knew his business," said Tony Abrazado from San Diego. "He said this was something he could handle, so we never worried."

In fact, most of the passengers couldn't believe how smooth the landing actually was.

"To be honest, I didn't really believe we had actually landed without our landing gear—it was so soft—at least, not until we got off the plane and saw it," said Edward Horne, also from San Diego.

Lloyd agreed the landing went as well as they could have expected.

"It worked great," he said. "The crew worked really well together to make this happen."

# Wing changes ahead, Air Expo hits soon

Welcome to the June UTA!

## Transitioning to two UTAs

The first thing you will probably notice about the June UTA is that the military personnel flight will be closed for A flight.

This is the first part of our transition to two UTA's. The MPF staff is manned to support only one UTA and they have been meeting themselves coming and going trying to support three. So they will be going to two UTA's early. For June, those UTAs will be B and C flight. For July it will be A and C flight and for August it will be A and B flight.

They will continue that rotation for FY02 and hopefully the entire wing will go to a two UTA schedule in FY03. The critical factor is billeting and right now we are on schedule for a new lodging facility in '03. Keep your fingers crossed!

## New day care program

Did you notice the article about day care in last month's CONTACT? In case you missed it, we have a new program available. It's run by the Child Development Center although your children will not be staying in the CDC facilities. The CDC has a list of providers that they train and certify who will provide childcare in their homes on the base.

The program is very structured and provides high quality day care at a reasonable price, \$2 per hour. The program is subsidized by the Department of the Air Force and your provider will receive an additional \$2 per hour for taking care of your child. They will be very motivated to provide you top notch service! For more information, contact **Jack Watts** in Family Readiness at 424-1616.

## Hard work recognized

Your hard work and commitment to excellence continue to be recognized at very high levels. I was recently honored to receive an award on your behalf at the state convention of the Air Force Association.

The 349th Air Mobility Wing was recognized as the Outstanding Air Force Reserve Wing in California! Additionally, **Master Sgt. Gary Lewis**, 349th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, was recognized as the Outstanding Air Force Reserve Command Senior Noncommissioned Officer for 2001 and **Technical Sgt. Hendrick Van de Pol**, 349th Civil Engineering Squadron, was recognized as the Outstanding Air Force Reserve Command NCO for 2001!

Unfortunately, **Van de Pol** was unable to attend the banquet because he was on temporary duty to Langley Air Force Base, Va., to assist Headquarters Air Combat Command. Accepting the honor on his behalf was **Staff Sgt. Cynthia Schlitz**, 349th CES.

Also with us at the banquet was **Command Chief Master Sgt. Tony Maddux** and his wife **Jannye**, **Master Sgt. Lewis'** wife **Kim**, his supervisor **Senior Master Sgt. Terry Kirkbride** and his wife **Lisa**, **2nd Lt. Jessica Ducusin**, 349th Aeromedical Staging Squadron and **Technical Sgt. John Oyster**, 82nd Aerial Port Squadron.

Speaking of awards, one of our KC-10 crews received the prestigious Doolittle Award for their actions in saving a Canadian F-18 from fuel starvation. You may remember reading about the flight in September edition of CONTACT.

The Doolittle Award recognizes the outstanding crew accomplishment in Air Mobility Command and I was pleased to accept it on behalf of the **70th Air Refueling Squadron** at the recent commander's conference at Scott AFB, Ill.

Speaking of great aircrews, did you see the recent news coverage of our C-5 crew landing nose gear up? On initial takeoff for a mission to Colorado Springs, Colo., the nose gear junction box failed.

For the next six hours, the crew did everything in the book to get the nose gear back down to no avail. With all options exhausted, the crew elected to



## Pass and Review

By Col. James T. Rubeor

make a nose gear up landing at Edwards Air Force Base.

Led by aircraft commander **Maj. Greg Lloyd**, they made a landing so perfect, the damage cost less than \$4,000 to repair!

Congratulations to Greg and the others on the crew: **Maj. Howard Coldwell**, **Major Scott Paffenroth**, **Master Sgt. Phillip Scott** and **Master Sgt. Clyde Shavies**, **Staff Sgt. David Downs**, **Senior Airman Jaraed Wilson** and **A1C Josh Myers**.

The crew was a perfect Team Travis crew with representatives from every C-5 squadron on the base: 301st, 312th, 21st and 22nd! For those of you who didn't see it, we'll run a copy of the tape at the commander's call in July.

Another outstanding wing member to recognize is **2nd Lt. Loren Hanks** who graduated from intelligence technical training in January '01. He volunteered to support our KC-10 deployment to Al Dhafra last month and was selected as the Company Grade Officer for the month of April in the United Arab Emirates. Well done!

## Retirement for Starr

I had the pleasure of attending the retirement of **Chief Master Sgt. Bill Starr**, 349th CES, last UTA. It was a wonderful ceremony and a befitting end to a great career for **Bill** and his wife **Gale**. The 394th AMW Honor Guard was impressive as always. The team was led by **Master Sgt. Paul McCullough** and included **Staff Sgt. Brenda Johnson**, 349th Memorial Affairs Squadron, and **Senior Airman Jeremy Smith**, 55th Aerial Port Squadron. Thanks!

## Air Expo

Have you put the airshow on your June calendar? It's June 16-17 and should be a blast! Bring your family out to see some great displays and aerial demonstrations!

See you at the UTA!



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Around The World In Ninety Days, also known as "ATWIND," will once again take flight starting this month. ATWIND is a virtual around-the-world adventure game with the goal being to fly from one landmark destination to another while earning chances to win prizes along the way.

## Hot News

**PAY BY PHONE SERVICE FEE** -- Bank of America now offers Pay by Phone service to all GSA SmartPay (individually billed accounts only) cardholders. Pay by Phone is a value added service that assists cardholders with expediting their Government Card account payment. Bank of America will assess a \$10 processing fee to cover the cost of the Pay by Phone option, a charge that will be communicated to cardholders at the time of the request for this service. Since Pay by Phone is a voluntary convenience service, cardholders will be advised that the fee is **NOT reimbursable** by the government. This \$10 processing fee will be added to the payment amount charged to the cardholder's checking account each time they request the Pay by Phone service.

**MAINTENANCE AIRMEN OF THE QUARTER** -- The Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter is Master Sgt. Brent A. Keane, 349th Component Repair Squadron. The Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter winner is Tech. Sgt. April Boisseau, from the 349th CRS. The Airman of the Quarter winner is Senior Airman Charlie Pacheco, from the 349th Logistics Support Squadron.



# WEW 2 proves to be huge success

**L**eaders can't get things done alone. They need other people to help. Working with people in teams and inspiring teamwork present real challenges to leaders. That's why I am very pleased to report that our third annual 349th Air Mobility Wing Enlisted Workshop was a huge success.

Last year we named the event the Wing Enlisted Workshop (WEW), so this year it was called WEW 2. The theme of this workshop was leadership, mentorship and career development of our people, but was primarily focused on our junior enlisted personnel.

This was a great opportunity for many of our people to meet one another, network their concerns, exchange ideas and benchmark information.

During this workshop, our newest enlisted council representing the ranks of airman through technical sergeant was officially formed. This is a very significant accomplishment in that there are councils in our wing that represent all enlisted ranks.

Many people worked very hard to make

this workshop a reality. I would like to recognize and thank these people.

Senior Master Sgt. Patricia Thornton, the overall coordinator and facilitator of WEW2 masterfully executed these two most difficult tasks. She provided valuable insight, leadership and motivation. Her efforts in organizing and execution made our ideas into a successful event.

At the heart of every good team, you'll find high performance. Here are some of our high performers: Senior Master Sgts. Teresa Hamner, Patricia McReynolds, David Newman, Master Sgts. Deborah Fowlston, Mark Trovinger, Martin Walker, Technical Sergeants Gaylord Jacobs, Paula Redden and James Rice.

My thanks to these and the many other individuals in our wing who assisted with their ideas, skill, determination and dedication. Their hard work and efforts made this all possible.

A special thanks to all the speakers who provided us with so much useful and pertinent information. Chief Cheryl Adams for making her first visit to Travis as AFRC's Command Chief Master Sergeant a visit to our workshop.



## Chief's Counsel

By Command Chief Master Sgt.  
Anthony L. Maddux

Command Sergeant Major John Leonard, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and all the Army, Marine, Navy and Coast Guard personnel and the many civilian dignitaries who did an equally outstanding job. Everyone was impressed with all our speakers' knowledge and vision. They truly honored our wing with their professionalism.

I encourage each person who attended this workshop to share this information with their unit members. We must continue to work effectively as a team. In that spirit, we are already planning for several future events.

I continue to look forward to the challenge of serving you. With so many of you helping me, my job has become far easier. My thanks to everyone.

## FLIGHT LINE: You're new to the Wing: What is your first impression of it?



**A1C Hoy Evans**  
349th AGS

"This place is a lot bigger than Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. And trust me, that is a good thing. Seymour had the country life-style. I'm originally from San Francisco."



**MSgt. Eva Beckner**  
349th AMW

"The people at the 349th Air Mobility Wing are very friendly. There seems to be lots of opportunities at this wing - opportunities to work different UTA weekends, and opportunities to work."



**SrA Maxine Reyes**  
349th CS

"I love it here at Travis, especially the dining hall. It is so clean! Everyone is very nice, and welcomes you into the unit. I am excited to start my time here."



**Amn. Eric Speaks**  
349th SFS

"So far it has been really good. I have been here about a month. I had the chance to work last month, A flight, with the 60th Air Mobility Wing people, and it went very well."



**SrA Darren Matt**  
349th EMS

"The 349th Air Mobility Wing is a lot larger than I am used to. I came here from an A-10 unit in Connecticut. It is a lot to take in at first, but I think it will provide me with lots of opportunities."



**Army of One:** The U.S. Army Golden Knights will perform at Travis' Air Expo June 16 and 17.

## Air Expo, Mega Week offer many activities for all ages

One of Northern California's largest air shows, Travis' Air Expo, will take place on June 16 and 17, said Air Expo Director Lt. Col. Douglas Tauscher.

This year's headline acts include the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team

and the Northern Lights, a Canadian jet demonstration team.

Events planned for the week include a Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall display and ground breaking for a 5-year project to build a new air museum and education center named after air power pioneer Jimmy Doolittle.

The theme of this year's expo is: "2001 – An Aerospace Odyssey." "We hope to showcase not only the history of flight, but also it's future," Tauscher said. "We are working hard to make this show as educational and memorable as possible."

Tauscher and his staff are working to bring a wide variety of unique acts to Travis AFB. They are currently working on bringing past and present American astronauts and test pilots to include Chuck Yeager, Chuck Hall, and Bill Armstrong. British and other allied force aircraft are also being sought.

This year's show will commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Army Air Corps, which became the United States Air Force in 1947.

As more demonstrations are booked, updates will be posted at: [www.TravisAirExpo.com](http://www.TravisAirExpo.com).



**Heroes:** The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall will be at Travis June 12-18.

### Thanks about

## Local sports teams honor Team Travis

Several of the Bay Area's professional sports teams are thanking the men and women of Team Travis this summer for their service by honoring them with "Travis Appreciation Day" events.

Plans have been finalized to establish Travis Appreciation Days with the following professional teams: the Solano Steelheads on June 3, and the Oakland Athletics on July 3.

Plans are being finalized for an upcoming Sacramento Monarchs women's basketball game on July 21 and a San Francisco Giants baseball game Aug. 17.

Many of the Travis Appreciation Days include discounted tickets to their respective sporting event for Travis employees and family members, as well as other benefits from discounted food, to prizes and giveaways.

To help highlight Travis and the Air Force in front of crowds ranging from 4,500 to 56,000 people, The Band of the Golden West will perform prior to nearly all the events, including the National Anthem at the River Cats', Steelheads' and Giants' games. The Travis Elite Honor Guard will present the colors at each game and many of the sports events will be kicked-off with a C-5 flyover.

The sports teams are also supporting Travis AFB by helping the Air Force touch base with their target recruiting audience.

Local recruiting squadrons will set up recruiting booths at all the Travis Days, and will host on-the-field swear-ins at the River Cats', A's, and Monarchs' games.

Several teams have also agreed to run Air Force public service announcements at no cost to the government.

The Sacramento Kings, San Francisco 49ers, San Jose Sharks and the Sacramento Knights have expressed an interest in holding Travis Appreciation Days in the future.

Tickets for all Travis Appreciation Days are available through Installation Tickets and Tours. For more information about upcoming games, contact ITT at 424-0969.



# Web site assists military RVers find way

**M**military campers and RVers can now find their way on America's open highways with their fingertips, thanks to a new interactive Army Morale, Welfare, Recreation Outdoor Recreation web site, [www.pathsacrossamerica.com](http://www.pathsacrossamerica.com).

The web site is the first of several improvements rolling into the Army's recreational vehicle parks and campsites, including a name change.

"We wanted to make our RV park information much more accessible to customers," said Joe Pettoni, Outdoor Recreation program manager at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. "This website is just a seed that will grow into much more." The outdoor recreation site was launched in February and lists information about military RV parks and campsites at installations throughout the United States.



Photos By SSgt. Robin Jackson

Revamped web site: The web site offers visitors information on the location of RV parks and campsites, directions from the nearest major highway, phone numbers, amenities, the number of pads and campsites, and fees.

"When you call up the site, a map of the United States appears," said Pettoni. "You

click on a state, then a map of that state appears. The Army installations are in red and the Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard sites are in blue."

Visitors to the site will find information on the location of the RV parks and campsites, directions from the nearest major highway, phone numbers, amenities, the number of pads and campsites, and fees. It also lists any cabins, cottages or duplexes

available for rent. Future additions to the web site will include a trip computer to determine mileage, local on and off post recreational opportunities, and inter-service Morale, Welfare and Recreation specials for RVers and campers.

"Eventually we plan to add sites in Europe," Pettoni said. "Our ultimate goal is for campers to be able to make reservations online."

As for the name change from "Travel Camp" to RV Park, Pettoni said the Army needs to conform to industry standards and make the name recognizable to customers.

"We held the first-ever Department of the Army-level training for 15 RV park managers in February," Pettoni said. The National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds and the National Foundation for RVing and Camping sponsored the week-long training.

"Our goal is to put Army RV park managers together with commercial managers to analyze operations and bring back the industry's best and most modern practices to the Army," said Pettoni.

(Army News Service)



# Travis Team enters “Firefighter Challenge”

One of the 349th Civil Engineer Squadron’s newest members, Staff Sgt. Michael Melton, is slated to join with the 60th CES on a 5-member team who will enter the “Fire Fighter Combat Challenge” in Gurnee Mills (near Chicago), Ill., at the end of the May.

The Travis team has historically done very well in this event, according to Master Sgt. Joe Annon, 349th CES’s chief of operations.

Broadcast on ESPN, the Firefighters Challenge attracts hundreds of U.S and Canadian municipal fire departments each year at more than 25 locations and is seen by more than 30 million people worldwide.

The challenge seeks to encourage



Staff Sgt. Michael Melton, 349th CES

firefighter fitness and demonstrate the profession’s rigor to the public. It’s an

intense, spirited competition

Unlike sports that exist solely for entertainment value, the Challenge is about performing one of the most dangerous and demanding jobs better and safer.

Wearing “full bunker gear” and breathing apparatus, pairs of firefighters simulate the physical demands of real life fire fighting by competing on a linked series of five tasks including climbing a 5-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hoses, and rescuing a life-sized 175-pound “victim” as they race against themselves, their opponents and the clock.

Winners at Gurnee Mills will advance to the International Championship at the Hyatt Orlando, Kissimmee, Fla., Nov. 5-8.

## Information Assurance Awareness Underway

**I**nformation assurance is a paramount concern for all Air Force members whether deploying in support of an aerospace expeditionary force or remaining at home base.

To emphasize the importance of information assurance in all we do, the Air Force kicked off a 12-month awareness campaign.

The overall theme for the campaign is Global Vigilance, Reach and Power: Information Assurance in the 21st Century.

It is hoped the campaign will increase Air Force members’ knowledge of their information assurance duties and institutionalize information assurance into their everyday culture.

The following is a quiz designed to

provide better understanding of information assurance issues and concerns.

1. A vulnerability is a:

- (a) risk
- (b) weakness
- (c) deficiency
- (d) compromise.

2. The five components of information assurance are:

- (a) protection, defense, accountability, integrity and sustainability
- (b) certification, accountability, defense, protection and accreditation
- (c) availability, integrity, authentication, confidentiality and non-repudiation
- (d) non-repudiation, security, assurance, defense and risk assessment.

3. To achieve system integrity, the network must:

- (a) be available to the users and protected from outside influence
- (b) be certified for operation and the system must be accredited
- (c) be routinely checked against viruses, vulnerabilities and threats
- (d) operate correctly and the information within it must not be corrupt

4. Non-repudiation means the recipient cannot deny receipt and the sender can:

- (a) prove delivery
- (b) verify each other’s addresses
- (c) confirm validity of information
- (d) assume integrity of information.

[Answers: 1. b, 2. c, 3. d, 4. a.]



**Best of the best:** 2nd Lt. Loren Hanks, 349th Operations Support Flight, was named the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, while deployed to Al Dhafra, Kuwait. Presenting the certificate is Lt. Col. Ronnie Parker, 763rd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, commander.



## Operation Trojan Warrior

# 82nd APS exercises total force concept

**Story and Photos by**

Master Sgt. Marvin Meek, Public Affairs

**D**on't let the trio of armed military policemen and the camouflaged Humvee blocking the entry control point deter you. If you want to be combat ready, the 82nd Aerial Port Squadron and the 270th Military Police Company will welcome you with open arms. Just to be prepared and willing to learn.

The 82nd APS and Sacramento's 270th MP Company (Army National Guard), recently transformed Dragon Town USA, a turnkey combat readiness training facility at Beale AFB, into Southern Yemen for four days during Operation Trojan Warrior 2001.

The scenario: elements within a small enemy army have been aggressively harassing American bases and military personnel. They have chemical warfare capabilities and have used them to spread terror and limit our forces' ability to operate. The 270th MP Company, consisting of five platoons equipped with 24 Humvees and a pair of 2 ½ ton trucks, have deployed to the area. Their mission is to provide airbase defense, area security and chemical defense support. The 82nd APS deployed 125 troops to support the military police and to assist with force protection.

"We recently completed a combat readiness exercise followed by an organizational readiness inspection, and while we did very well in both, we were still

looking to raise the bar. Training with the Army National Guard has certainly done that," said Maj. Timothy E. O'Brien, 82nd APS operations officer.

"They've added an element of realism to the training and have helped us improve in critical deployment skills like ATSO (ability to survive and operate) and area security," said O'Brien.

Operation Trojan Warrior provided the type of safety-oriented, battle-focused training that will help both organizations prepare for future deployments. It involved deployments to and from multiple locations, airbase defense, area security, chemical warfare defense and engines running on loads and off loads.

Equally important, it gave the 82nd APS a chance to reinforce the tenor it has set for itself in terms of training for success. Learning is always a top priority at these exercises. Regardless of the scenario, exercise evaluators like Master Sgt. George W. Lott, for example, were always near the troops, encouraging them to check their masks for leaks and reminding them to drink plenty of water. "This is a learning experience for us. Now is the time to make mistakes so we can correct them," said Lott.

No two services are completely alike, so working in a total force environment can be challenging. Deployment veterans like Chief Master Sgt. Lawrence Wynn, participating in his last deployment exercise, made sure everyone at Operation Trojan Warrior had the opportunity to meet their training goals. He had a hand in scripting and planning for the exercise, and he served as an exercise evaluator. His 22 years of experience allowed him to network confidently with both service branches in



**Move 'em out:** 82nd APS members perform an "engines running offload" under austere conditions during Operation Trojan Warrior 2001. The Humvees belong to the 270th Military Police Company, Army National Guard, who also participated in the exercise.

a total force environment.

"We had a number of new people in the squadron, so this exercise was a very effective tool for demonstrating to them exactly what we do and what we expect of them," said Wynn.

In order to do that, the senior managers, particularly the senior noncommissioned officers, had to be out in front throughout the exercise, making critical decisions. Yet they had to ensure that everyone got the training they needed, and everyone felt like they were in a learning environment. "I'm extremely proud of the job our senior supervisors did. They made the entire organization lean forward during the exercise," said O'Brien.

Staff Sgt. Katrina Brown, 82nd APS, participating in her first deployment exercise, manned the deployment control center all four days during Operation Trojan Warrior. "This was my first deployment exercise with the 82nd APS so I didn't know what to expect. It went very well and I learned a lot," she said.

Another newcomer, Senior Airman Chuck Case, also enjoyed his first deployment exercise with his new squadron. "This exercise has helped build my confidence in terms of my individual combat readiness, and it's been a lot of fun too. But the best part has been watching people pull together as a team," he said.



**Tight seal:** MSgt. George Lott inspects gas masks during a simulated attack on the flightline.



# 349th Wing Members Reach Out



**Getting into the classrooms:** Master Sgt. Robert Francis and Tech. Sgt. Bob Gentili, both from the 349th Aircraft Generation Squadron, reach out and speak to a group of local high school students. Presently there are 17 folks from the squadron involved in going out to high schools and talking about their jobs and the Air Force Reserve. So far this year the team has visited more than 20 different sites. Wing members who conduct speaking engagements off base are reminded to contact the Wing Public Affairs Office prior to the engagement, (707) 424-3936.

## New program assesses health of Air Force reservists on the web

By Lt. Col. Tim Grennan and  
Capt. Greg Franklin  
349th AMDS

**T**he Reserve Component Periodic Health Assessment is a new way of assessing the health of Air Force Reserve personnel.

The objective of this program is to minimize lost training time due to annual medical requirements.

The RCPHA enables members of the Air Force Medical Service to assess the health of reserve personnel based on individual risk factors.

The health information derived from the RCPHA will provide line commanders clearer information regarding their personnel's qualifications for worldwide deployments.

The RCPHA is an improved method of assessing the health of reservist by incorporating parts of the Preventive Health Assessment and Put Prevention

into Practice initiatives. It uses medical surveillance recommendations from the US Preventive Services Task Force report and adapts it to assess reserve component personnel health and ability to deploy.

It consolidates nonflying physical examinations, occupational health physical examinations, periodic flying and special operational duty physical examinations, suicide risk screening, preflight test screening, and other medical requirements unique to the military under one program.

This is done by focusing on the individual's risk factors, including age, gender, health risk factors, medical history, and military occupation to determine the scope of the assessment. The RCPHA will not replace the pre-placement occupational health, initial flying and commissioning examinations.

Members will use the Internet to access the web-based component of the program. This web-based program will allow reserve component members to accomplish their annual medical certificates from any

computer that supports a web browser.

The 349th AMDS will then download the certificates directly from the web site, which will reduce the number of visits of reservists to the medical unit during training days. It will also allow for epidemiological assessments of reserve component personnel to enhance population based health initiatives. The RCPHA will replace AF Form 895, Annual Medical Certificate.

For those members whose date of birth falls within the next six months, they will be notified of their requirement to complete an examination. Members born in August and September who receive their notification will also receive the Health Risk Assessment form.

Please return the HRA to 349th AMDS in the supplied envelope. Before an individual can be scheduled for an examination, the Health Risk Assessment forms must be completed.

Through the RCPHA we will be able to ensure a healthy mission ready force.

# EMPLOYER APPRECIATION DAY APPLICATION

Employer: Mr.          Mrs.          Ms.          Dr.          Other:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's SSAN (Required for Passenger Manifest) : \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Title (manager, foreman, etc.) : \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to be Notified in Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Emergency Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code and Number)

## SPONSORING RESERVIST

Reservist's Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist SSAN: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist Duty Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Civilian Work Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

An opportunity to observe an aerial refueling mission will be offered to employers. Space is limited. Reservists will be given the chance to fly with their employer **if space allows**. Flights are not for family members or friends. The flight is pending approval by higher headquarters and is subject to cancellation for weather or operational reasons.

**Employer  
Appreciation  
Day Dates**

**Support Group --**  
June 2 -- A Flight  
Master Sgt. Patricia White,  
424-4904

**Operations Group --**  
July 21 -- B Flight  
Aug. 18 -- C Flight  
Lt. Col. Del Lewis,  
424-5484





## ATWIND starts June 1, prizes galore to win

The Air Mobility Command-sponsored summer promotion, "Around The World In Ninety Days," also known as "ATWIND," will once again take flight starting this month.

ATWIND is a virtual around-the-world adventure game with the goal being to fly from one landmark destination to another while earning chances to win prizes along the way.

Once you or one of your eligible family members has earned a game piece, you can set up an ATWIND account by calling a toll-free number, (888) 597-9960 or accessing the web site, [www.atwind.com](http://www.atwind.com) and entering the number found on your game piece. Game pieces are earned by participating in a variety of base programs and activities. Entering the number on a game piece makes your "aircraft" move closer to a destination, moving you closer to completing your around-the-world trip and increasing your chances to win prizes. At each of the destination points, there will be a series of prizes players can win. To become eligible to win the top prizes you will need to complete travel to all destinations.

Last year, the 349th and Travis came out top winners in the ATWIND competition, with Tech. Sgt. Johnny Yu, a 349th AMW reserve member winning a new Ford Focus. Travis AFB won the \$50,000 special award for first place in overall participation.

"Travis won, in no small part, due to the 349th members efforts to take the base over the top. I know we can continue to set the bar for ATWIND participation," said Col. James T. Rubeor, commander, "Last year the 349th was Travis Air Force Base's 'secret weapon' in bring home the gold – this year, it will be the 349th Reserve family members who make all the difference," Rubeor continued.

Reserve members and their families can have fun and earn points by supporting these and other sponsored events:

**Family Night at the Club:** Visit the club for dinner on Family Night on a specified Reserve weekend; earn one game piece for each attending family member.

**Write an article for *Contact* or *The Tailwind*:** One game piece per published article.

**Join the ROA:** Anyone joining the professional organization between June 1 and Aug. 31 can bring their membership cards and receive one game piece.

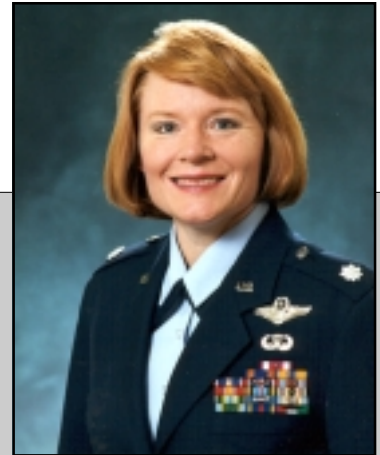
**349th Family Readiness Briefings:** Attend any briefing during ATWIND promotion and receive a game piece.

**Unit or Group Family Appreciation Day:** The Family Appreciation Day is designed to allow families to spend quality time together, enjoying the camaraderie of the unit and participating in team-building events. Reservist and spouse/family members can earn one game piece each by filling out and submitting a Family Readiness Survey during the Family Appreciation Day.

Reserve members can earn additional games pieces by attending other ATWIND recognized participation events. Check with your first sergeant or the 349th Support Group, (707) 424-3737, to ask about other eligible events.



## Citizen Airman's Best Command Level Award



**Lt. Col. Sandra Yope**

Lt. Col. Sandra Yope, 82nd Aerial Port Squadron commander, was recently named the Air Force's Air Reserve Component Transportation Officer of the Year.

**A**chieving this title was the result of many accomplishments, including:

- \* Revamped squadron training section; led to a 57 percent reduction in overtime in training numbers.
- \* Implemented new recruiting incentives for squadron members.
- \* Cultivated strenghts of squadron personnel; positioned members to enhance squadron operations.
- \* Created squadron executive council to provide forum for new ideas, better communication and implementation of changes; resulted in revamped INTRO and training programs.
- \* Requested by 4th Air Force for APS commander exchange amid a staff assistance visit to Selfridge AFB, Mich.
- \* Participated in medical outreach program for underrepresented communities.

**PROMOTIONS****Chief Master Sergeant**

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Keith Wilson, 82nd APS

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